Indian militants operating from Bangladesh

1734. MS. SUSHILA TIRIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bangladesh has acknowledged the possibility of Indian militants operating from its soil;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (c) During the Home Secretary level talks between India and Bangladesh held on 2-3 August 2007, in response to the concerns raised by the Indian side in this regard, the Bangladesh side reiterated its position that it does not and would not allow its territory to be used by elements inimical to the interests of India.

Both sides agreed to the need for real time exchange of actionable information between security agencies, and to initiate swift action on information received about groups and elements and other fugitives from the law of either country taking shelter in the other country. The Government will continue to share information with the Bangladesh authorities and solicit them cooperation in this regard.

Cases of fire in Delhi

†1735. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise details of the incidents of fire occurred in Delhi, particularly in the residential and commercial areas of Chandni Chowk in Old Delhi during the last three years;

(b) whether Government have taken any measures to check such incidents after ascertaining the reasons causing fire in Delhi, particularly in the residential and commercial areas of Chandni Chowk; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Information on details of major fire incidents in Delhi registered by Delhi Police is as under:–

2004 - 49

2005 - 52

2006 - 52

2007 - 32

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.